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SALINAS LABOR COUNCIL INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS AND HOLDS GALA DINNER

New officers of the Central Labor Union of Monterey County, at Salinas, were installed last week and a successful installation banquet was held by officers, council delegates and friends following the meeting.

Daniel Flanagan, west coast representative for the American Federation of Labor, was invited to be installing officer for the council, and other guests were invited. Locally, Peter A. Andrade, secretary-treasurer of Warehousemen's Union 890, succeeded George Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925, as council president, while Harter is the new labor council secretary, succeeding W. G. Kenyon, who is now representative in Watsonville for the Warehousemen.

The slate of new council officers follows:

President: Peter A. Andrade.
Vice-President: Al Everly (Plumbers).

Secretary-Treasurer: George Harter.

Sergeant-at-arms: Dennis H. Hartman (Painters).

Trustees: C. L. Courtright, Lewis Parsons, Ivan Miller.

Organizing Committee: Courtright, Harter, Albert Harris.

Press Committee: F. H. L. Sprague, C. E. Phillips and Harris.

Legislative Committee: Andrade, McCrain, L. R. Clinch.

CONTACT YOUR SSA BOARD IF NEW BUSINESS

Many returning veterans are going into business for themselves for the first time. Some are men who have never been an employer of labor before. These individuals are reminded that any new employer should file an application with the Social Security Board for an identification number for the business. This is necessary even though only one person is on the payroll, and perhaps works only part time. Each employer is required to keep a record of the worker's social security account number for use when it comes time to make out the social security tax return to the collector of internal revenue.

In San Jose, new employers may secure identification numbers either by calling at the San Jose office which is located at Room 204 Post Office Building or by writing this office for application forms SS-4.

Interested individuals living in Monterey County may contact the representative from the Social Security Board at the United States Employment Service Office, 125 Monterey Street, Salinas, on Thursday noon of every week and at the same office in Monterey, 266 Pearl Street, on Friday of each week between 11 and 2 o'clock.

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Interested individuals living in Santa Cruz County may contact the representative from the Social Security Board at the United States Employment Service Office, 23 Front Street, Santa Cruz, on Wednesday of every week from 2 to 5 p.m. and at the same office in Watsonville, 21 W. Lake Street, on Wednesday of every week from 11 to 12 noon. New employers may secure identification numbers by writing the Social Security Board office in San Jose for application forms SS-4.

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Get Statement On Deductions For Old Age

Every worker is entitled to a receipt for the old-age and survivors insurance taxes deducted from his pay by his employer, John J. Cassidy, Manager of the San Jose office of the Social Security Board pointed out today.

The Internal Revenue Code, as amended, in the section which relates to old-age and survivors insurance taxes, provides that "every employer shall furnish to each of his employees a written statement or statements, in a form suitable for retention by the employee, showing the wages paid by him to the employee after December 31, 1939," Cassidy said.

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OLD PARTIES PUT ON SPOT ABOUT FEPC

New York City
A demand that the Democratic and Republican parties live up to their platform pledges to support a permanent FEPC was made by the National Citizens Political Action Committee.

In letters to party chieftains Robert Hannegan and Herbert Brownell, NCPAC Chairman Elmer A. Benson asked them to call special meetings of their national committees and "declare publicly their support for a permanent FEPC." Benson backed up his letter with a committee statement outlining the grave crisis in race and religious relations.

Australian Rail Workers Granted New Wage Hikes

Sidney, Australia
After many months of ceaseless negotiations before the Court of Arbitration, permanent way and signalling men of New South Wales were granted wage increases amounting to £60,000 yearly. Other awards included better working conditions and improvements.

Both parties "betrayed a callous indifference toward the democratic principle of equal job opportunity in the fight over FEPC appropriations," Benson's letter said. "Particularly in the light of party platform pledges of 1944, we know that the Negro people, the Jewish people, Catholics and other minority groups are fully conscious of this neglect."

Minneapolis Unions Hit 'Ball and Chain'

Minneapolis, Minn.
Without a negative vote, the Minneapolis Central Labor Union condemned the Burton-Ball-Hatch ant-labor bill at its last meeting. It voted to notify President Truman and the Minnesota delegation in Congress, of which Senator Ball is one.

Northwest Co-op Gets Big Fertilizer Plant

Minneapolis, Minn.
Purchase by Northwest Cooperative Mills of a 16-acre Green Bay industrial tract for erection of a \$150,000 fertilizer plant and leasing of a seed processing plant at Thief River Falls, Minn., were announced.

Serious Need Of Housing in Calif. Shown

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.
Estimating that in the first five years after the war, the people in this state will need at least 625,000 new homes, the State Reconstruction and Re-employment Commission reports that the construction industry in California will have to double its pre-war pace in order to fill these post-war requirements. This report is based on findings of its Northern and Southern California Project Committees on Post-war Home Building in California.

In submitting his report to the Governor, Colonel Alexander R. Heron, State Director of Reconstruction and Re-employment, states that the Commission's interest in home building is based on:

"1. The fact that home construction is one of the few industries which will not need to re-tool, but will be ready to make immediate contribution to solution of the post-war employment problem.

"2. The fact that the quality of California's post-war homes and neighborhoods will be one of the determining factors in the level of living."

Estimates for the goal set are predicated on the following breakdown:

"250,000 more to take care of further increase in the number of family households.

"75,000 more to replace temporary public war housing.

"180,000 more if only half of the number of prewar substandard dwellings are replaced.

"120,000 more to maintain a 5 per cent vacancy reserve, needed to provide leeway for future population growth."

BIG GAP SHOWN

The Commission compares this total of 625,000 new homes with the 300,000 houses which were constructed in California from 1935 to 1940. The report goes on to say that California's wartime housing shortage probably is more acute than in most other states and the post-war shortage is likely to be equally serious.

EXPECTS TO GET DEVIL, GETS AUTO

Hollywood, Calif.

When a film sound technician, a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, employed at Columbia Studios, was called before a committee of strikers from Local 1421, Brotherhood of Painters, he wondered what charges were being brought against him. But the IATSE man was informed he had won an auto in a raffle held at a strikers' picnic! Jurisdictional differences between the two unions started the strike.

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RAILROADS NEED HELP

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.
Urging every American who possibly can to enter the railroad service to make his contribution to the winning of the war, President William Green has called upon all State Federation of Labor and Central Labor Bodies in all states west of the Mississippi River to actively engage in the efforts which are being put forth to secure more than 63,000 workers for the western railroads.

Regional directors have been set up in the following localities:

Rutherford T. Taylor, 844 Rush St., 6th Floor, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Harry H. Sorensen, Union Station Bldg., 30 Union Station Plaza, Kansas City 8, Missouri.

Frank H. Stapleton, Patterson Building, 1706 Welton St., Denver 2, Colorado.

Frank E. Fleener, U. S. Terminal Annex Bldg., Room 424, Dallas 2, Texas.

Harris G. Pett, Wesley Temple Bldg., 123 E. Grant St., Minneapolis 4, Minn.

Walter J. Macklin, 833 Market St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

The Federation joins with President Green in calling upon all available manpower to help move our great Army to the Pacific Coast and the South Pacific, as well as the extraordinary amount of war material and equipment essential and necessary to the winning of the war.

Monterey's Fishing Fleet Brings in Record 1st Day Load of Sardines to Pack

A record first day's catch of sardines—all reported firm and of good quality—caused packers and union fishermen and cannery workers alike to forecast that the 1945-46 season would be the greatest ever for Monterey, world's sardine cannery capital.

Fishing opened on August 1, opening day of the season, and the following day the Juanita delivered 35 tons into the hoppers. Total catch for the opening day was 790 tons of sardines, as compared with only 64 tons on the first day last year. The second day's catch was 2351 tons.

Seventy boats are fishing this month as compared with only 35 fishing boats at the start of last season and 46 to start the 1943-44 season.

The fish Cannery Workers Union, under its new business agent, Dwight R. Campbell, successfully negotiated a re-signing of the "bonus incentive" contract which was in effect last year and whereby the cannery workers will receive monthly and seasonal bonuses, depending on days worked.

Fishermen likewise have re-signed last year's agreement, so no labor dispute was possible to mar the season's opening.

Railroads to Be Asked for Share of Big War Rake-Off

Cleveland, Ohio

Sec. Courtney Ward of District Council 6, Brotherhood of Painters (AFL) charged here that he was ousted as a delegate from the Cleveland Federation of Labor to smash his campaign for an accounting of CFL funds.

Ward's ouster was voted after a two-hour closed meeting at which CFL Sec. Thomas A. Lenehan read a three-page letter from AFL Pres. William Green censuring Ward for calling a conference of AFL officials here to press for AFL participation in the World Federation of Trade Unions. Text of Green's letter was not made public, but delegates said it urged local AFL unions to stay away from the conference.

His sponsorship of the world labor unity conference was "strictly a phony excuse for his ouster," Ward contended. He blamed the action, taken while he was out of town, on Lenehan, CFL Pres. William Finegan and Pres. Edward F. Murphy. "They are not fit to hold office," Ward said. "They have consistently resisted efforts for an accounting of funds paid into the CFL. I intend to have a showdown fight and I'll go to the courts, if necessary, to be reinstated. They have been after me for a long time because I have been demanding an financial audit of the federation and because I have been fighting to elect new CFL officers."

While it was believed at first that the CFL action would automatically cost Ward his membership in his union, International President Lawrence Lindelof of the Painters announced in Lafayette, Ind., where Ward was when his ouster took place, that his membership would not be affected. "I cannot comment on Ward's banishment from the local federation because I am not familiar with the facts," he said. "But I do think that he has the right as a member of the AFL to urge participation in the WFTU, if he so desires."

**TYPOS AVERT
WALK-OUT IN
SAN DIEGO**

San Diego, Calif.

Barely averting a work stoppage similar to that which closed the Bayonne, N.J. Times and the Jersey City, N.J. Journal, an agreement has been reached between the San Diego Union-Tribune Publishing Co. and Local 221, International Typographical Union.

As in the New Jersey cities, the San Diego publishers had balked at incorporating the union's international laws, adopted at the 1944 convention, into the contract. Negotiations dragged on for weeks, until the union warned the management of its intention to strike the morning Union and the evening Tribune-Sun. Day before the ultimatum expired, the publishers acceded to union demands.

"Railroad companies will probably end this year with net current assets (net working capital) of nearly \$2 billion, enough for all post-war rehabilitation and improvements, with millions to spare," the publication commented.

**Binders Favor
\$3 Bill to Be
Tribute to FDR**

Washington, D.C.

A proposal to perpetuate the memory of President Roosevelt by having the government print a three-dollar bill, with his portrait on one side and a picture of the Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park on the other, was made in a resolution adopted by Bindery and Miscellaneous Workers Union, Local 92, of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders.

San Diego's third daily, the Journal, had previously signed a contract with the union. A work stoppage would have left this paper, founded only a year ago with union labor support, the only daily in this war boom area of more than 400,000.

Sales and technical workers of the utility firm voted against both unions.

Just because you see the tracks is no sign that the train has just passed.

A woman looks on a secret in

keeping or it is too good to keep.

Union Hostess a Hit



Servicemen had a good time at this USO party in Seattle, Wash., and they give a lot of the credit to their hostesses, members of Local 751, Int'l. Assn. of Machinists (AFL). Here a few of them share their cake with three lovely girls from Puget Sound Sheet Metal's Plant 2. (Federated Pictures)

Hot Cargo Takes a Beating

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

Clarence E. Todd, widely-known labor attorney, calls attention to two recent court decisions that have an important bearing on the status of "hot cargo" in California:

First, he calls attention to the rulings of Judge Morrison of Santa Ana when he sustained demurrers to a complaint brought by a non-union market under the "hot cargo" law. In the case between Truman and Amalgamated Meat Cutters, Local 563, Judge Kenneth Morrison dissolved the restraining order and refused to issue a temporary injunction on the ground that peaceful picketing is a constitutional right. Says Todd: "We were glad to get such a ruling from Orange County where labor is not supposed to be too strong."

Todd also reports that recently Judge Woodward of Stockton sustained his demurrer to the third amended complaint in which a non-union employer, one Brookhart, brought a suit under the "hot cargo" law against the Building Service Employees and the Labor Council. He comments:

"The Labor Council was dismissed from the case some time ago, and now the Court has sustained the demurrer on behalf of the Building Service Employees."

"The 'hot cargo' law seemed to be a very serious threat to labor at the time it was passed, although I think you will remember that I always said it was not constitutional and would not stand up."

**Carpenters of
San Diego Make
500 Chairs for
Hospital Vets**

San Diego, Calif.

Doubling its original goal of 250 units, Local 1300, United Brotherhood of Carpenters has completed a unique venture into the furniture-manufacturing business by producing more than 500 Cape Cod chairs for convalescent soldiers of the Mitchell army hospital near here.

Volunteers of the union devoted all their weekends since June 1 to fabricating and assembling the outdoor-type chairs, using lumber donated by various local firms. San Diego's four major shipyards provided facilities for the project.

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Lyman, retired Marine officer who heads the local Red Cross chapter which requested the union's aid, has expressed his official gratitude at the efforts of the men.

'PERFECT FILLER'

The bathing suit worn by singer Connie Russell of American Federation of Radio Artists (AFL) is very well filled. That's the decision of Knitgoods Local 190, International Ladies Garment Workers, who made the suit she adorns. (Federated Pictures)



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GIGGLES AND GROANS

JUST IN CASE

Mr. Gleason was nonchalant enough when he opened the door, but his guests, who had dropped in unannounced to pay a friendly call, stepped back with some surprise. Mr. Gleason was stark naked except for a high silk hat which was clamped down firmly on his head. "Well!" said the lady. "Do you always go around the house naked this way?"

"Sure," said Gleason. "Nobody ever comes to see me."

"But what's the idea of the high hat?" persisted the lady.

Explained Gleason: "There's always a chance that somebody will drop in."

HECK OF A MESS

An old New Hampshire storekeeper was breathing his last, and a sorrowful family surrounded his bed of pain. "Is Ma here?" he asked weakly. "Yes, Zeke," she replied. "And my oldest son?" "Yes." "And the other five boys?" "Yes." "And the four girls?" "Yes, Zeke." The failing patriarch struggled to a sitting position. "What's the big idea?" he shouted. "Who's tending the store?"

REVENGE AT LAST

A fugitive scientist from a Boris Karloff horror picture dreamed up a serum that would bring inanimate objects to life. He surreptitiously tried it out on the statue of a great general in Central Park. Sure enough, the statue gave a quiver and a moment later the general, breaking a bit in the joints, climbed down from his pedestal. The scientist was overjoyed. "I have given you life," he exulted. "Now tell me, General, what is the first thing you are going to do with it?"

"That's easy," rasped the general, ripping a gun from his holster. "I'm going to shoot about two million damn pigeons."

RATHER SUSPICIOUS

"Bojangies" Robinson knows a Harlem dowager who, after a lifetime of sin, decided to join the church. When the deacons plunged her into the icy river the first time she gasped, "I believe." After the second dunking she chattered, "I believe." A third time, gulping for air, she sputtered again, "I believe." One of the elders asked her eagerly, "What do you believe, sister?"

She gave him a murderous look and declared, "I believe you stinkers are trying to drown me."

ON THE SECOND ROUND

The house guest noticed that Johnny eyed his asparagus longingly, but made no move to eat it. "What's the matter?" asked the guest. "Don't you like asparagus?" "I love it," Johnny assured him, "but I have to wait for Papa to eat off the green tips!"

VISTA SUPREME

Rosie entertained so many male visitors in the parlor and things were so quiet while they were in attendance that Rosie's Papa finally grew suspicious. One night he told his wife, "I've got a wonderful invention that will help us check up on Rosie. It's a television periscope. Just turn it on when Rosie is in the parlor with her fellas tonight. If he holds her hand, there'll be a green light. If he kisses her, there'll be a purple light."

The contraption was set in place, the male visitor arrived, and Papa settled back for a nap. His wife awakened him by shaking him violently. "Come quick, Papa," she cried, "and see the pretty rainbow."

SIGNS MEAN NOTHING

Mamie was polishing her nails behind the notions counter when a red-faced man in a loud checked suit swaggered over, almost knocking her down with a slap on the back, and demanded, "Hi, toots. Where can a guy go to wash his mitts?"

Mamie drew herself up haughtily. "There's a door down the end of this aisle," she said, "marked 'Gentlemen,' but don't mind that. Go right in."

SQUARING IT UP

Two ex-sailors had been partners in business for thirty years. But now the partnership was about to be dissolved. One of them lay dying. The sufferer called his friend to his bedside.

SUFFERING SAILOR: "I know I haven't much longer to live, old man. Before I go I've got a confession to make. I've swindled you out of thousands of dollars. Can you forgive me?"

WELL SAILOR: "That's all right. I poisoned you."

UP AGAINST IT

An elderly Chinaman had been going to the church regularly. Each time the collection plate was passed around he would fumble in the folds of his pajamas and come up with a dollar contribution. One time it took him a little longer than usual to locate the dollar. While he was searching in the recesses of his garments, he remarked to the deacon who was holding the plate:

"Whassa mallah, whassa Gee Clio alle time bloke?"

The Labor Editor Speaks

THOUGHTS ON THE BRITISH ELECTION

Hearst and McCormick will continue to scream about bolshevism, and Karl von Weigand (writing from his fascist citadel in Madrid) will warn that even conservative Albion has been swept up by the "red tide," but the fact is that the thumping victory of the British Labor Party means only that the masses of England are sick and tired of poverty in the midst of potential plenty—also weary of "statesmen" who permitted the dogs of war to be unleashed for a second time in a generation.

If by "left" is meant that direction which leads toward abundance and security for the workers through firmer collective control and direction of the financial and industrial mechanism, then the whole world is heading that way. More and more, the common people of the world are chafing under the bonds of landlordism, artificial scarcity, lack of jobs, insecurity in sickness and old age, financial exploitation. These two disastrous wars were not brought on by the common peoples of the world, but by the ruling groups—first, by the "statesmen" of the aggressor powers; second, by the "appeasers" and "balance of power" groups. The "upper classes" have done a lousy job, and it's time the common people stepped into the picture.

The results of the British election are not so much a repudiation of Churchill as they are a vote of protest against the Tory mind. As a war leader, Churchill was superb. But he remains a Tory. His foreign policy is based on protection of the "lifeline," and that accounts for the smirking at Franco, the flirting with the House of Savoy in Italy, the smashing of the democratic forces in Greece. At home his economic outlook is completely out of step with that of his people.

Let no one think that the Labor Party victory will result in "revolutionary" procedure. The British people are inherently patient and cautious. They still operate within the orbit of a stultifying empire system which does not permit them to "upset the applecart." But that they are determined on important social changes is undeniable. The election results are a significant challenge to the lingering champions of the status quo everywhere. Australia is run by a Labor Party. New Zealand is a semi-socialist state. Canada's people are going more and more to the "left." The "mother country" is beginning to catch up with some of her children!

A WAY OUT FOR CHINA

It seems but common sense for China, with its 400 million people, to divide its vast area into self-governing states or dominions, with a central government making the laws concerning interstate commerce and the common defense, under a modern democratic constitution.

All states should have access to free ports and national protection for ocean shipping, for communications and free commerce between states.

The dominion status of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Eire offer a pattern for such organization. Such Chinese dominions might be Manchuria, Thibet, Mongolia, Sinkiang, the so-called communist area with capital at Yenan, and the provinces now controlled by the Kuomintang. Each of these states could then make its laws dealing with local conditions and in accordance with the wishes of its people.

Such a set-up in China seems the only alternative to the coming civil war between the forces of the Yenan area and the forces of Chiang. The Chungking government has a lot to learn from the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union about federal government.

NOT HEADLINED BY HEARST

In 1943 there were 47 times more man days lost to industry by illness than by strikes and lockouts.

A day lost means lost production—a loss in wealth to be distributed. Sickness is a terrific cause of poverty and low living standards. Health is wealth. The kept press, playing up strikes, refuses any support for the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill which would help vastly to correct the nation's health situation. What was that the Bible said about straining at gnats and swallowing camels?

OH, THE PITY OF IT!

We notice that the same pacifists who are now bemoaning the "atrocity" of bombing Japanese cities didn't get up much of a sweat when one Adolf Hitler bombed Warsaw, Rotterdam, Belgrade, Leningrad and London. Some of these "turn-the-other-cheek" people might have a different slant on it if they had been abused residents of China or the Philippines and had had a couple of other cheeks kicked by a Japanese jackboot.

TOPIC FOR HEAD-SCRATCHING

The United States debt increase (1940 to 1945) is over \$215 billion. Tax income was \$133 billion and expenditures \$320 billion.

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres., Judson F. Flint, 201 Archer, phone 3298. Secy., Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Hans Top, 1128 Laurie Ave., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 527—Meets 3rd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 8 p.m. Pres., John Durnil, 533 E. Alisal, Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 117 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st Monday at 2 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres., Eddie Rose. Secretary and Business Agent, Karl E. Hess. Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6208.

BUTCHERS UNION 506 (Salinas Branch)—Pres. Geo. Gilbert; Vice Pres. Bill Steinmeller; Fin. Sec., Harry Boch; Rec. Sec., Jim Errington, (Earl Moorhead, Exec. Sec. office phone San Jose, Columbia 2132). Del Monte Ave.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30. Carpenters' Hall, North Main St. Pres., Roy Willis; Vice-Pres., R. Timmerman; Bus. Agt., George Harter; Sec., H. L. Taft, 243 Clay St., Phone 4246; Treas., R. L. Thurman, 5 Port Ave.; Rec. Sec., Amos Schofield.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Business and social meeting fourth Wednesday each month at Carpenters Hall. Pres., Jean Pilliar; Fin. Sec., Bernice Pilliar; Rec. Sec., Blanche Van Em.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. R. Ingorsell, P.O. Box 2, Freedom, Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus.-Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeld, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION—Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts.; W. G. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., %Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., phone 4983; home phone 8539. Pres., F. H. L. Sprague, ph. 3863. Labor Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, Main, and John Sts., ph. 4983; Geo. Harter, Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., ph. 5721.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION NO. 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; Pres. Don Frick.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa St., phone 4126. Secretary and Business Agent, Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Orlin Border; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, Erwin Goodson. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex-Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romeo Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schrike, 636 El Camino Real, No. phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 41½ Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 41½ Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. President, H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secretary, R. M. Allen, 124 East Alisal Street, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION NO. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Secy., Geo. Ulrichsen, Spreckels. Meets in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142-11 St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Phone 9668.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

Controversy On WFTU: AFL UNION GROUPS HOLD NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION

Cleveland, Ohio Declaring that "the AFL cannot afford to isolate itself from the world labor movement," 40 representatives of more than 100,000 AFL members formed a "committee of 100" to rally rank-and-file support for AFL participation in the World Federation of Trade Unions convention in Paris in September.

The conference, which met here, at the invitation of Sec. Courtney Ward of District Council 6, Brotherhood of Painters, voted to send a delegation to the AFL executive council to urge that it drop its opposition to the new world labor organization. It also called for a referendum of the AFL membership on the issue.

WARD HEADS GROUP

Ward, who was the only AFL observer at the World Trade Union Conference in London, was expelled from his seat as delegate to the Cleveland Federation of Labor a few days before the Cleveland conference on the basis of a letter from AFL Pres. William Green attacking Ward. After adopting a resolution demanding Ward's reinstatement, the conference named him chairman of the "committee of 100" and elected Business Agent Thomas Wilson of Local 6, Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance of New York as secretary-treasurer.

Plans were mapped for a national campaign among the AFL membership to offset the activities of what the conference charged was "a well-organized and well-financed pressure group within the AFL against affiliation with the WFTU."

ENDORSED BY MANY

Ward opened the conference with a call for international labor unity, pointing out that world labor needs a single, powerful voice to present its demands for a durable peace and economic security. He said scores of central labor unions and locals have endorsed AFL affiliation with the WFTU and said support for such action was growing in the AFL.

Sec. Treas. Louis Weinstock of New York Painters Council 9 told the delegates there was nothing illegal in their attending the conference or in expressing a desire for world labor unity.

Business Agent Nick Lazari of Local 237, Hotel and Restaurant Employees in Pittsburgh, asked, "Why does Matthew Woll, who's raising \$1 million to help rebuild unions in Europe, refuse to sit down with representatives of those unions in a world federation?"

Referring to the AFL's opposition to the WFTU because of the inclusion of unionists from the USSR, Business Agent Morris Gainer of Painters Local 905 of New York demanded: "If it is all right for Bill Green to sit down in the International Labor Office with representatives of unions from Spain and Argentina, why isn't it all right for him to sit down with Russian union representatives?"

Unions Request Wallace to Plan Full Employment

FORT WORTH, Texas Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace was urged by Pres. O. A. Knight of the Oil Workers International Union to call a conference of industry and labor leaders to allay the fear of joblessness and depression that is beginning to haunt the homes of millions of American workers.

"You can readily understand the feeling of insecurity and apprehension in the homes of millions of American workers as they face a bleak post-war future," Knight wrote Wallace. "They see Congress adjourning without action of any kind on the unemployment compensation bill for the victims of reconversion. . . . They see legislation introduced in Congress aimed to cripple their unions. . . . They see the goal of 60 million jobs, for which you and we fought in the great election of 1944, forgotten by those entrusted with the destiny of our nation."

Unrest is spreading "like wildfire" among the workers, who are now "seeking to gain by direct economic action that full employment and wage security which should be theirs," Knight said.

DETROIT, Michigan Unable to agree locally on an impartial arbiter, the AFL building trades of Detroit and the CIO maintenance and construction workers (of the United Auto Workers-CIO) sent their dispute to Washington. There it is stalled over the same point, it is reported.

The dispute arose over whether AFL workers were to be used to complete in their entirety any reconversion, reconstruction, or new building on which they began work in the UAW auto plants, or whether the UAW men were to step in when a particular AFL contract for a particular phase of the work had been executed.

After fiery ultimatums and stoppages on both sides peaceful settlement was agreed upon, and work was resumed.

DETROIT, Michigan Edward J. Phelan, acting director of the International Labor Office, announced that an application from Iceland for membership in the ILO would be placed for consideration before the 27th session of the International Labor Conference opening October 15 in Paris.

Feeling the Pinch . . . Redfield



"OPA and UNRRA are starving America, it says here."

Government Says 'Boo!' To Chase Unemployment

NEW YORK CITY Government officials are worried for fear people will get the idea that mass unemployment means a depression, the N. Y. Herald-Tribune reports. They are going to conduct a publicity campaign to prove you can have no jobs without having a depression, the paper says.

Next thing you know, they'll be arguing you can have a depression without unemployment.

California Truckers To Get \$250,000 Back Pay From Association

Los Angeles, Calif. California truck drivers, members of International Brotherhood of Teamsters, will receive more than \$250,000 in retroactive pay.

Approved by the National Trucking Commission is the Motor Truck Association contract which gives drivers an increase of 5¢ per hour retroactive to January 1, 1945, with a mileage rate increase for long line drivers of .002¢ per mile retroactive to April 3, 1945. Governor in the increase are Teamster locals in Los Angeles, Santa Maria, San Bernardino, San Diego, Long Beach, El Centro, Santa Barbara and Bakersfield.

News Guild Has Maintenance At Tribune Plant

Washington, D.C. Reversing the action of its Daily Newspaper commission, the National War Labor Board granted its standard maintenance of membership provision to the Newspaper Guild of New York in a contract covering 330 editorial and commercial employees of the New York Herald Tribune. Industry members dissented.

As to the checkoff, the WLB asked the commission to issue an order as to it, taking into consideration the WLB action on maintenance of membership.

The Guild request for a general wage increase was referred back to the commission with industry members dissenting. With labor members dissenting, the WLB denied the union's request for an increase in contract minimums, and denied a night bonus of 10 per cent.

A Scotchman wrote to the editor of a magazine saying if he didn't stop publishing Scotch jokes he'd quit borrowing the magazine.

IN EFFECT SEPT. 15

Most of the new provisions of the law affecting employer and worker go into effect September 15, Bryant said, and as a result the Department is making necessary changes in administration which will carry out the full intent of the legislative action.

The one exception, he pointed out, is the provision which covers employees in smaller employing units. This change covering workers in establishments hiring one or more persons where formerly only employers hiring four or more paid the tax, is effective January 1, 1946.

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238 MAIN ST.**Workers Hit Rejection of Severance to Ease Cutback**

Washington, D. C. Uncle Sam, in the person of Stabilization Director William H. Davis, talked like a sweat-shop boss recently in turning down a severance pay plan for over 25,000 AFL, CIO and independent union workers employed in the U. S. Cartridge Co., a government-owned ordnance plant in St. Louis. The severance pay proposal had been approved by the National War Labor Board, but when the War Department protested, the plan had to be given to Davis for final approval.

Davis said severance pay agreements voluntarily made by an employer spending his own money should be encouraged, but similar plans involving appreciable increases in cost to the U. S. will not be approved.

MANY INVOLVED

Workers in the U. S. Cartridge Co. plant are represented by a number of AFL, CIO and independent unions: The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, International Association of Machinists, International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, United Brotherhood of Carpenters, United Association of Plumbers, all AFL, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO), and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and United Brotherhood of Welders, all independent.

International Rep. Neal Brant of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, an alternate labor member of the WLB, said "Mr. Davis' refusal to approve the plan is motivated by concern for the taxpayers' dollars. Once again we have evidence that the welfare of the working people is given but slight consideration.

"In effect Mr. Davis expects that the policy of the U. S. government as an employer must not be as decent as he urges private employers to be."

MACHINIST PAPER ASKS REFERENDUM ON WF ISSUE

Fort Worth, Texas

A referendum of the seven million AFL members on the question of joining the World Federation of Trade Unions "is the democratic manner of deciding the issue," declared an editorial in a recent issue of Plane Facts, official newspaper of Lodge 776, International Association of Machinists.

The newspaper called on the AFL executive council to approve the proposal, which was originally put forward by the Cleveland Citizen, organ of the Cleveland Federation of Labor. Explaining its call for a referendum, Plane Facts said:

"Throughout this country there is a strenuous and increasing demand by the rank-and-file members for participation, because of the opinion that there must be a united world movement to meet sinister forces seeking to impose industrial bondage on toilers, and because of the opinion that it is illogical for the AFL to refrain from participation because unions of any other country are not formed on the basis AFL might approve.

"It must be considered that labor unions of a country must formulate policies to meet industrial and economic conditions of the particular nation. Therefore, unions of Russia, England and other European countries will differ. We feel that a referendum vote is the democratic manner of deciding the issue, and the AFL executive council should approve such."

Twenty-Five Per Cent Wage Increase Asked For Railroad Unions

New York City

Demand for a 25 per cent general wage increase heads the list of 45 demands put to the nation's railroads by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (both unaffiliated) in meetings with the railroad executives here.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Enginemen (unaffiliated) and the Order of Railway Conductors and Switchmen's Union (both AFL) are expected to file similar demands shortly.

In addition to the wage increase bid, the brotherhoods demands, all to be effective as of August 1, include night shift differentials, time and a half for Sundays and holidays and improved working conditions.

No Time for Vacationing . . . Yomen**Green Declares British Victory Sign People Ask Jobs, Security**

Washington, D. C.

Comment on the British Labor party victory was mixed here with President William Green hailing it as the "outcome of the insistent desire of British workers to gain higher living standards and a greater degree of economic and social security."

Rep. John E. Rankin (D., Miss.) peered across the Atlantic and said he saw an indication of a "communist trend that should be repudiated by the American people." Rankin said he was "disappointed."

This thinking was not followed by Sen. George D. Ankeny (R., Vt.) who said that while England had by no means gone communist "the Labor party would not be so anxious as the old government to restore the Italian king to the throne."

Sen. George D. Ankeny (R., Vt.) said that many schools have been shut down and the children now use classrooms to produce war materials?

That travel in private cars has been abolished, and that railroad train trips may be made only on police permits?

That telephones and telegraph are restricted to urgent business?

That with every new privation the Jap civilian pulls in his belt another notch and works harder for "victory"?

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BEATRICE CUNNINGHAM, Press Correspondent.

Do You Know?

— That we here in the United States, while we may grumble over wartime restrictions, really have no idea of what TOTAL mobilization for war is, compared with that in Japan?

— That the Jap home front is REALLY and TOTALLY mobilized for war?

— That ALL food and ALL clothing are rationed in Japan?

— That virtually ALL other kinds of consumer goods are also rationed—even soap, matches, home heating fuel and medicines?

— That most theaters, restaurants, bars and other places of amusement have been closed and their buildings converted into workshops?

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A Plague Gets Ready to Light On Washington

Washington, D. C.

This troubled wartime capital got news of another worry. Sen. W. Lee ("Pass the Biscuits, Please") O'Daniel (D., Tex.) is bringing his family publication here. The sheet is known as the W. Lee O'Daniel News and has been printed at Fort Worth.

During the past national election campaign, O'Daniel used the paper to take pot shots at the late President Roosevelt and every agency created under the New Deal.

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Belgians Hold Street Meet On Living Costs

Brussels, Belgium

A national demonstration of 30,000 public service workers was held here recently to show how seriously they took their demand for wage increases to meet the rising cost of living.

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MINUTES**Bldg. Trades Council**

Meeting of Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson at 8:00 p.m., August 2, 1945.

Roll call showed five local unions.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

CREDENTIALS

None.

BILLS

All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a copy of speech by Hon. George E. Outland on the subject of Full Employment in America.

Received the annual report of the San Francisco district office of Price Administration, fiscal year, June 30, 1945.

Received a report from the wage and hour board quoting order No. 13, in regards to wages paid on construction work.

Received a report from the Labor League of Human Rights.

Received a report of minutes from the Building and Central Trades Council of Santa Clara County.

From the Building and Central Trades Department, a copy of Secretary of Labor's order of January 15, 1945.

Two weekly news letters from the State Federation of Labor and four resolutions of interest to labor and post-war conditions.

It was moved and seconded the resolutions be complied with. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that the Council send flowers to Brother G. H. Krug's funeral—he was a delegate to the council for the past year. Carried.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Long reports some 30 new jobs that have been started in the past two weeks. Many of the jobs are being held up waiting for material. The shortage of craftsmen has slowed the work and the lack of places to live keeps men from coming here to work. By motion the report was accepted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS</b